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December 23, 2008

Linda Ketellapper, SFD-7-5 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX Superfund Division 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Re:

Response to 104 (e) Request for Information - Omega Superfund Site Real Property at 11862 Burke Street, Santa Fe Springs, California

Dear Ms. Ketellapper:

Enclosed find responses from Claudette Earl, Trustee, Earl Family Trust, regarding the above-referenced matter.

Please direct all future correspondence regarding the Earl Family Trust to the following:

Francis D. Logan, Jr, Esq. Law Offices of Susan M. Trager 19712 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 120 Irvine. CA 92612

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

LAW OFFICES OF SUSAN M. TRAGER A Professional Corporation

Francis D. Logan, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc:

Claudette A. Earl Stephen Berninger

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR CLAUDETTE EARL, TRUSTEE

# CONCERNING THE FACILITY LOCATED AT 11862 BURKE STREET, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA

(Response to 104 (e) Request for Information - Omega Superfund Site, Real Property at 11862 Burke Street, Santa Fe Springs, California)

#### APRIL 25, 2008 USEPA LETTER TO CLAUDETTE EARL:

1. State the full legal name, address, telephone number, position(s) held by and tenure of the individual(s) answering any of these questions concerning The Earl Family Trust Dated January 6, 1973 (the "Trust") and the facility located at 11862 Burke Street, Santa Fe Springs, CA (the "Property").

Robert P. Hess, Esq. Hess & Hess 445 South Figueroa Street, Suite 2325 Los Angeles, CA 90071 -1602

Attorney for the Trust.

2. State whether the Trust is still currently in effect or whether it has been terminated. If it is still in effect, provide a copy of the trust document, including all attachments and exhibits.

Terminated.

3. Are you [Claudette Earl] a beneficiary of the Trust? If yes, provide all documents evidencing your status as a beneficiary of the Trust. As part of your response, identify all other beneficiaries, if any, of the Trust and provide their full name, address and telephone number.

Not applicable. Trust terminated.

4. Identify the trustee or trustees of the Trust and provide the full name, address and telephone number of all trustees you identify in response to this request.

Not applicable. Trust terminated.

5. EPA research suggests that the Trust previously owned the Property. Identify the entity or individual who sold or otherwise transferred the Property to the Trust. Provide all documents evidencing such sale or transfer and all documents evidencing the Trust's ownership of the Property (i.e., deed or other instrument of conveyance). As part of your response, identify the period of time during which the Trust owned the Property.

The Trust owned the Property from 1973 to 1990. The Trust acquired the Property from William E. Earl and Dot A. Earl on January 29, 1973. See Grant Deed attached at Tab 1.

6. During the Trust's ownership of the Property, did the Trust own the Property jointly with any other individuals or entities? If so, provide the name, address and telephone number of each such joint owner and provide the periods of such joint ownership. In addition, provide all documents evidencing such joint ownership of the Property.

No.

7. Identify the entity or individual to whom the Trust sold or otherwise transferred the Property. Provide all documents evidencing such sale or transfer of the Property (i.e., deeds, property sale agreements). As part of your response, identify the date on which the Trust transferred the Property.

The Trust conveyed the Property to Claudette A. Earl on March 19, 1990. See Grant Deed attached at Tab 2.

8. State whether you are a past or current owner of the Property. If so, provide a copy of the deed or other recorded instrument of conveyance evidencing your ownership of the Property. As part of your response, identify the dates you owned the Property.

Claudette A. Earl, an individual, is the current owner of the Property. See Grant Deed attached at Tab 2.

9. Identify all surviving descendents of Dot A. Earl. For each individual you identify in response to this request, provide such individual's name, address and telephone number.

Claudette A. Earl c/o Law Offices of Susan M. Trager 19712 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 120 Irvine, CA 92612 10. Identify all prior owners of the Property from 1940 to the date the Trust acquired the Property, and provide the dates each owner owned the Property. Provide copies of all deeds, ownership records and any other documents evidencing each such owner's interest in the Property.

Claudette A. Earl lacks this information except as set forth above. She requests that the EPA obtain this information from public records.

LAW OFFICES OF LOCK, BRICKNER & LOPIN INCORPORATED 1226 NORTH BROADWAY ANTA ANNOHERALLERED MATERIA 192701 Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Earl 9634 Clancey Downey, California - SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE -MAIL TAX STATEMENTS TO DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX \$ -0COMPUTED ON FULL VALUE OF PROPERTY CONVEYED,
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Signature of Declarant or Agent determining tax. Firm Name Same as above Grant Deed TO 405.1 CA (1-70) WITHOUT KONK XXV ALMX AND CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, WILLIAM E. EARL and DOT A. EARL hereby GRANT(S) to WILLIAM E. EARL and DOT A. EARL, as TRUSTEES UNDER THE EARL FAMILY TRUST DATED JANUARY 6, 1973 the following described real property in the Los Angeles TO DEPOSIT TOOL CO. LONG. 5 (DESCRIPTION OF 1 PAGE ATTACHED HERETO) January 29 74, 1973 Dated: The undersigned hereby acknowledge and accept delivery of this Grant Deed and the real property described therein January 2914 1973 the Earl Family Trust dated January 6, 1973 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 29-4, 1973 On January signed, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared as Trustee WILLIAM E. EARL and Earl Family Trust dated January 6, DOT A. EARL OFFICIAL SEAL whose nameS are subscribed to the within NINA RAMCHUCK instrument and acknowledged that they IOTARY HULLING - CALIFORNIA WITNESS my hand and official seal. PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

That portion of that part of the 371 acre tract assigned by partition to A. S. C. de Polioreno, as shown on map filed in Case No. 4367, of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, and that portion of that part of the 118 acre tract assigned by said partition to Jose S. Colima, in the Colima Tract in the Rancho Santa Gertrudes, as shown on said map described in deed to Country Lane Farms, recorded in book 38026 page 397 of Official Records, in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, described as follows:

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PARCEL A: Beginning at the intersection of a line which is parallel with and 228.00 feet northerly, measured at right angles, from the southerly line having a length of "18 chains", as described in said deed to Country Lane Farms, with the centerline of the strip of land 40.00 feet wide, as described in deed to the County of Los Angeles, recorded in book 933 page 198 of Deeds, in the office of said recorder, said centerline being the centerline of that portion of Dice Road, 40.00 feet wide, extending southerly from Slauson Avenue, as said centerline and Slauson Avenue are shown on the map of the Record of Survey recorded in book 65 page 38 in the office of the recorder of said county; thence from said point of beginning South 86° 27' 00" East, along first said parallel line, 553.95 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing along said parallel line South 86° 27' 00" East 150.00 feet; thence South 3° 33' 00" West 228.00 feet to the southerly line of said land of Country Lane Farms; thence along said southerly line North 86° 27' 00" West 150.00 feet; thence North 3° 33' 00" East 228.00 feet to the true point of beginning.

<u>PARCEL B:</u> A 36.00 foot easement for road and public utility purposes, with the right of ingress and egress over and across said 36.00 foot strip, the southerly line of which is described as follows:

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WILLIAM E. EARL and DOT A. EARL

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, ALL PTN.	The undersigned grantor(s) declare(s):  Documentary transfer tax is \$ 1,268.30  ( ) computed on full value of property conveyed, or ( ) computed on full value less value of liens and encumbrances remaining at time of sale. ( ) Unincorporated area: (XX) City of Santa Fe Springs, and
	FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,
<u>a</u>	DOT A. EARL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE EARL FAMILY TRUST DATED JANUARY 6, 1973,
$\tilde{\mathscr{E}}_{-}$	hereby GRANT(S) to CLAUDETTE A. EARL,
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3	the following described real property in the County of Los Angeles , State of California:
8168 024 008	Legal description attached hereto marked Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated at length herein.
	Commonly known as: 11862 Burke St., Santa Fe Springs, Ca. 90670
	Dated: March 19th, 1990
	DOT A. EARL, as Trustee of the EARL FAMILY TRUST dated January 6, 1973.  On March 19th, 1990 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared DOT A. EARL, TRUSTEE
	personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person_whose name_IS_subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that SHE executed the same.  WITNESS my hand and official seal.  Signature MARY K. COOPER  MARY K. COOPER  My Commission Express Aug. 21, 1992

Escrow or Loan No.

(This area for official notarial seal)

Title Order No.



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